

Municipality Authorities Act and the municipality authority has not suffered any pecuniary loss as the result of the contract or service contract, then such contracts shall be valid and binding on the municipality authorities and payment for labor, material, supplies and relevant service contracts by the municipality authority is hereby authorized, or if payment has been made, it is hereby ratified, notwithstanding the fact that the contract was legally void by reason of the failure to advertise for bids or by reason of defect in the advertising, or by reason of any other defect in compliance with or in the failure or omission to comply with the Municipality Authorities Act regulating the awarding of contracts for labor, material, supplies and service contracts: Provided, however, That no such contract shall be valid and binding or ratified, unless approved by the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Justice: And provided, further, That the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Justice may approve all or any part of such contract or service contracts. No member of the municipality authority shall be surcharged for any payment made on any such contract.

Approvals required.

No surcharge.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of February, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 335

AN ACT

Declaring the public interest in certain historic sites and buildings and providing for certificates and markers.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. All the historic sites and buildings listed in the Report of the Joint State Government Commission of March, 1949, entitled "Catalog of Historical Buildings, Sites and Remains in Pennsylvania," and any other historic sites and buildings which may be designated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, are hereby declared to be of significance and value to the history of this Commonwealth and their protection and preservation are hereby declared to be a matter of public interest.

Preservation of historic sites and buildings to be a matter of public interest.

Section 2. In designating historic sites and buildings not contained in the "Catalog of Historical Buildings, Sites and Remains in Pennsylvania," the Pennsylvania

Commission to be guided by certain standards.

Historical and Museum Commission shall be guided by the standards followed by the Joint State Government Commission in preparing this report and shall consider these sites and buildings in terms of generality of historical significance, uniqueness, accessibility and present condition.

Certificate to designate historic site or building.

Section 3. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall issue and deliver a certificate to each individual, agency or organization owning or administering a historic site or building which has thus been declared to be of significance and value to the history of this Commonwealth. This certificate shall state that the site or building has been designated as a historic site or building of Pennsylvania and shall give recognition to the owner or administrator for maintaining and preserving a distinctive part of Pennsylvania's historic heritage.

Markers or plaques may designate historic sites or buildings.

Section 4. To distinguish these historic sites and buildings of Pennsylvania, each such site or building may be marked by a suitable plaque or marker. Upon the petition of the county historical society or of not less than twenty citizens of the county, the board of county commissioners of each county is hereby authorized to appropriate moneys from the county funds for the purchase and placing of such plaques or markers within the county by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The Commission shall plan and determine the size, text and construction of these plaques or markers so that they will be uniformly applicable throughout the Commonwealth and not detract from the appearance of any building or site where they may be used.

APPROVED—The 14th day of February, A. D. 1956.

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AN ACT

Amending the act of May seventeen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 682), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the